



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE DRINKING WATER

DOT&PF was recently alerted to concentrations of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in the groundwater at Gustavus Airport. The presumed source of PFAS in groundwater at the Gustavus Airport is the Federal Aviation Administration-mandated use of fire-fighting foams at Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) testing areas.

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of manmade chemicals that have been used for a wide variety of residential, commercial, and industrial uses. PFAS are considered emerging environmental contaminants and the health effects are not well known.

PFAS discovered in the Gustavus Airport well serving Alaska Airlines and Alaska Seaplanes terminals are reported in concentrations above Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) action levels. Concentrations at the well which serves the National Park Service water system are below DEC action levels.

DOT&PF is working with an environmental consulting firm, Shannon & Wilson, Inc., and DEC to identify and sample private water wells south of the airport as well as retest the two previously sampled wells beginning Monday, August 27, 2018. Test results from the samples are expected to be available by the end of September.

Public Information Meeting

Monday, August 27, 2018, 5:30-7pm, at Gustavus Library

- The Alaska Departments of Transportation, Environmental Conservation, Health and Social Services, and Administration will provide information.
- Shannon & Wilson, will attend to schedule sampling times for properties south of the airport.

